



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Family Members

**From:** Bernard Simons, Deputy Secretary  
Developmental Disabilities Administration

**Subject:** National Core Indicators: Family Surveys

**Date:** May 12, 2021

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The Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) recognizes the critical role that families play in the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). The role of family is unique, and often key in the support and care provided across the lifespan. Because of that the DDA would like to hear from you.

The DDA continues to partner with the [National Core Indicators](#) by participating this year in two (2) family surveys: [The Adult Family Survey](#) and the [Family Guardian Survey](#).

Here are a few important things to know:

The survey is **VOLUNTARY**: This is a survey to improve the quality of services in Maryland. Families and people who receive services are asked to complete the survey. **It is your choice** to participate.

The survey is **ANONYMOUS**: You do not need to put your name on the survey, and your personal information will not be collected in the survey

The survey is for **QUALITY**: This is an opinion survey to improve the quality of services for everyone. It is not for planning your personal services. The way you answer the survey questions will not directly affect your services.

**The survey will be arriving by mail to this address in about one (1) week.**

To learn more about NCI, visit: [www.nationalcoreindicators.org](http://www.nationalcoreindicators.org).

If you have questions or concerns about your services, please contact Kristina Hall, Assistant Director of Federal Programs at [kristina.hall1@maryland.gov](mailto:kristina.hall1@maryland.gov).